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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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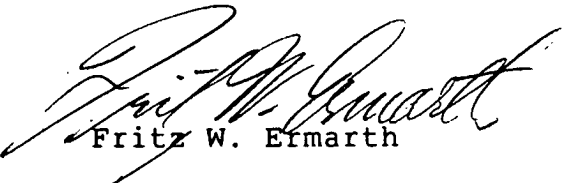
SUBJECT: Community Consultations on CTC and CIC Accounts

[redacted] and I met today with General Soyster regarding our plan to fold the NIO/CT and FDIA accounts into the CTC and CIC respectively; it was the last of these "circuit rides" around the Community. He expressed the familiar reservations as to whether centers lodged in CIA and hitherto focused heavily on its concerns could properly do the Community's business. At one point I feared we'd lost his vote when a senior and very experienced aide said that the formation of the NIO system was one of the most creative organizational moves in the history of US intelligence and that our plan was a small but worrisome retrograde step. I and my colleagues pressed the case that Community business was best located where the action takes place and assured him that all concerned from the center chiefs to the DCI were determined to see the Community business properly done.

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Later Ed called me to say he'd consulted with Doug Mulholland and Bill Studeman (with whom I'd talked earlier) and that all were ready to support the plan, albeit still skeptically. He only asked that his troops be given an opportunity to take an advance look at the instructions or terms of reference that are given to the centers on the Community account (CTC is DIA's main concern here). I promised we'd work out some scheme to get their input.

When Dick returns next week, we'll regroup on the appropriate documentation which, I should expect, could be ready for your review and signature by the end of the week.


Fritz W. Ermarth

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